Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 13, at line 31 as shown

below:

Figure 2 illustrates a second embodiment of an apparatus 10 according to the

invention. In this example, an ultrasonic transducer (crystal) 14 is visible on the underside of a

hollow disc shaped element 15, also featuring a shallow recessed portion 12, much the same as

tray 11 of Figure 1. Wires 16 carry alternating current from an ultrasonic oscillator operated by

a control unit, not illustrated that causes i.e. control means, to cause the transducer 14 to vibrate.

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 14, at line 6 as shown

below:

As a means of maintaining a layer of moisture within recess 12, chilled water is

passed by a refrigeration circuit from an input end 17 toward an output end 18 of hollow disc 15.

The chilled water causes a lowered temperature of contact surface 19 and hence condensation to

form from the ambient air. The constant layer of water needed for substantive contact with base

B can therefore be provided from this condensation.

Please amend the paragraphs (sections) beginning on page 17, at line 1 as shown

below:

During use a glass of beverage is placed in recess 12 and button 29 is depressed

(preferably only once) to pump water to said recess 12. The button or switch 29 is held depressed

where it makes the ultrasonic circuit live. A second lever or switch 31 (resembling a beer tap

Handle) is pulled to activate the circuit. "Two hands" operation in this way is an added safety

feature, although the frequency and power of the ultrasonic energy is nowhere near sufficient to

cause harm.

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The unit illustrated by Figures 9a and 9b may be clamped to a bench (bar top) by conventional means so as to be substantially in the form of a bar top beer pump.

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 18, at line 16 as shown below:

The y axis of Figure 8a represents frequency in kilohertz against the x axis for time. The total time that the apparatus is switched on, by way of example, is up to five seconds, preferably two seconds as shown in Figures 8a and 8b.